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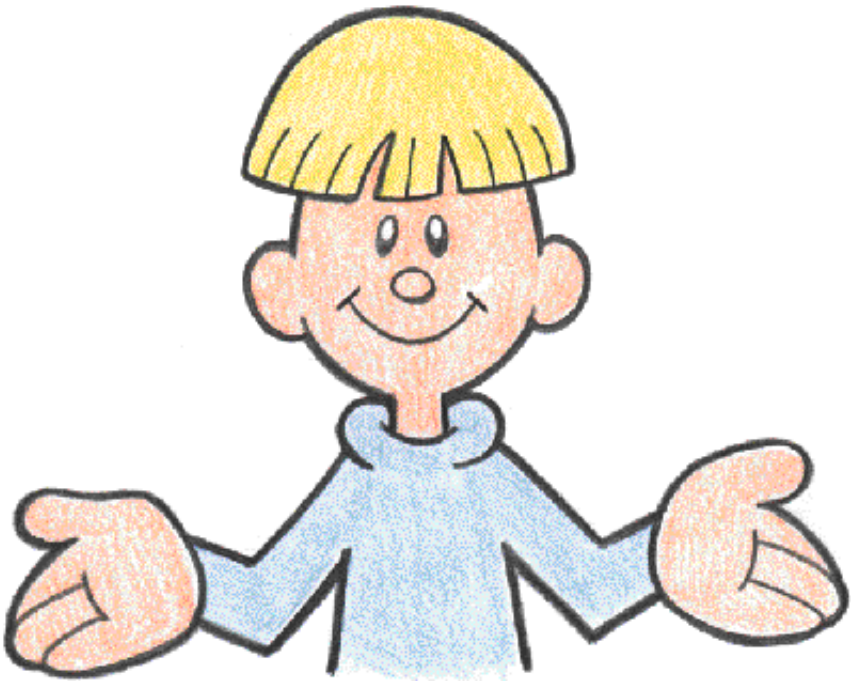

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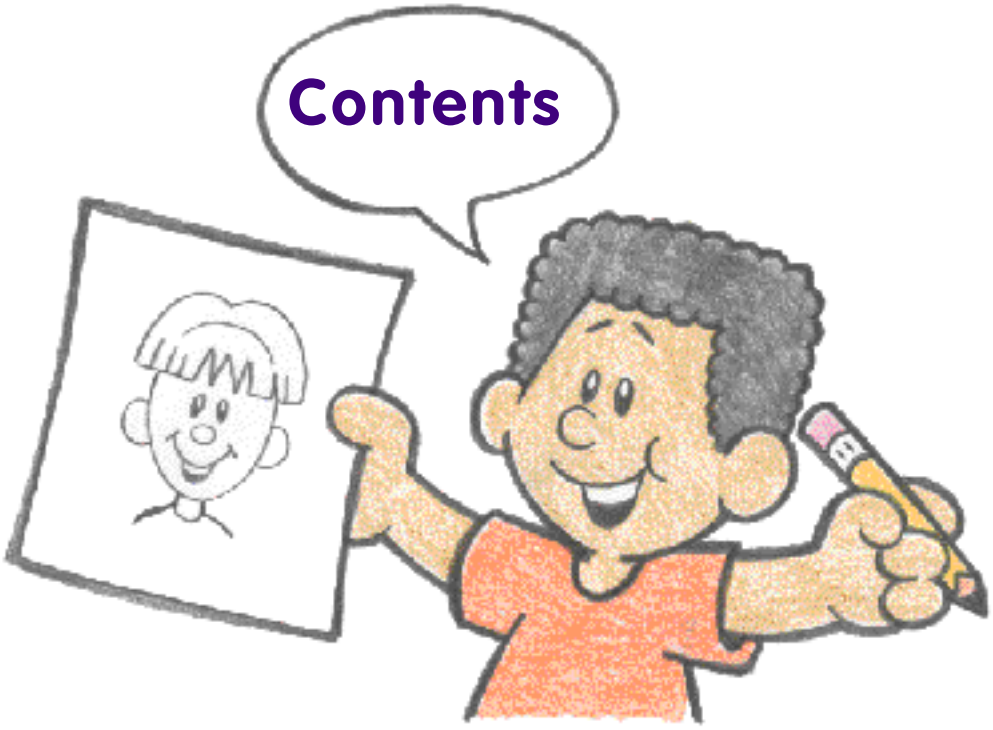

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Stop! Look! Listen!

Before you begin...

You will need:

1. a sharpened pencil
2. paper
3. an eraser
4. a pencil sharpener
5. colored pencils, markers or crayons
6. a comfortable place to sit and draw
7. a good light source

Let's draw cartoon people!

No Rules!

This book is designed to teach the basics of drawing cartoon people. There are no rules about cartooning, so you can spend hours just sketching, doodling and playing with different shapes. Just have fun!

Sketch, doodle, play!

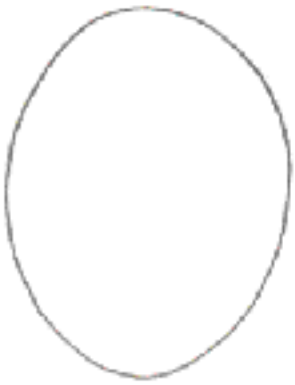
If the instructions tell you to use an oval to draw a nose and you want to use a triangle...draw a triangle. Cartooning is all about having fun drawing. Experiment, try out some crazy ideas. If it makes you and your friends smile, or giggle, or even laugh out loud, you're doing it right!

A few cartooning tips

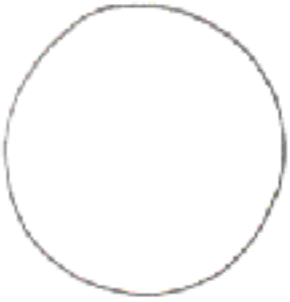
1. Draw lightly at first—SKETCH, so you can erase extra lines.
2. Practice, practice, practice!
3. Have fun cartooning!

Basic Shapes and Lines

Here are some basic shapes and lines you will use to draw cartoon people:



Oval



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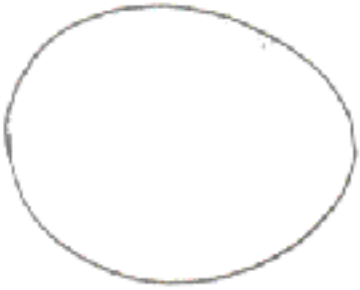


Egg

Rectangle

Square

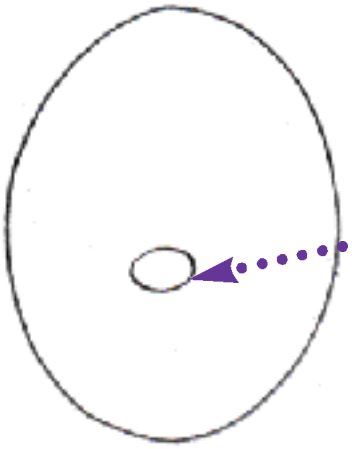
Triangle

Straight lines

Squiggly lines

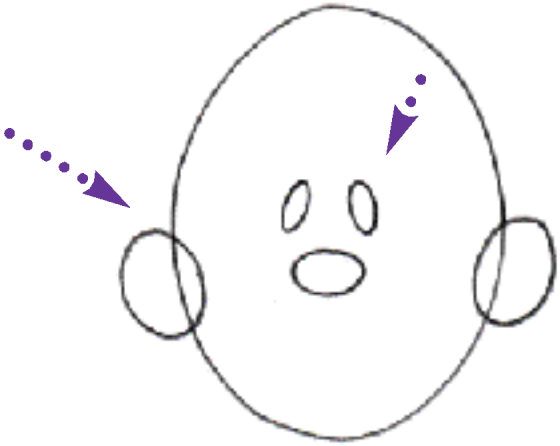
Curved lines

Heads (Front View)

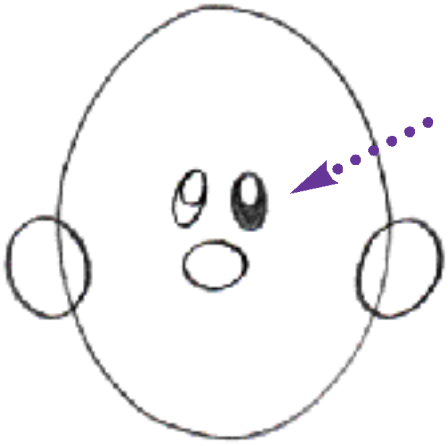


Let's begin by drawing a front view of a cartoon boy's head. Using basic shapes and lines, we will create a unique expression for our cartoon character.

1 Sketch an **oval** for the head. Draw a small **oval** inside it for the nose.

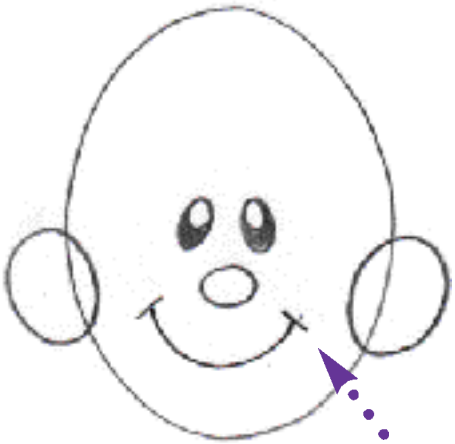


2 Add two **egg** shapes, level with the nose, for ears. Draw two **ovals** above the nose for the eyes.



3 Draw a small **oval** at the top of each eye. Darken around that oval in both eyes.

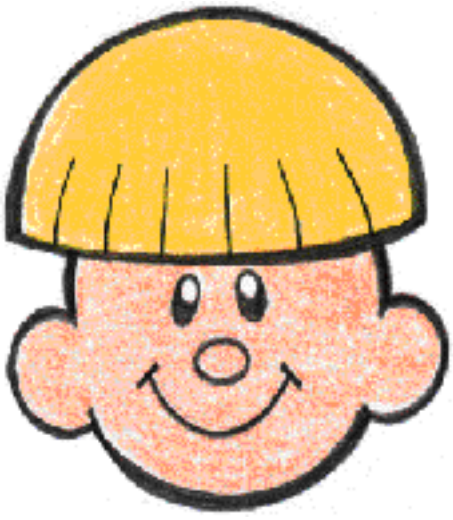
4 Draw a **curved line** for the mouth. Add a **straight line**, on each side of the mouth, for a smile.



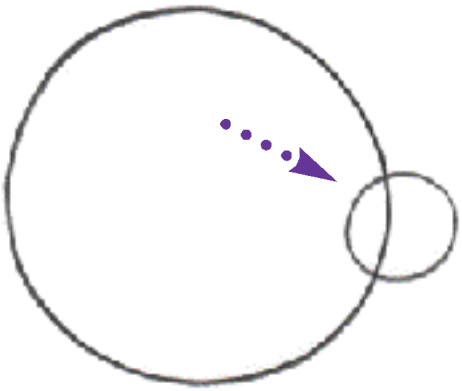
5 Draw a half **circle**, on the top of the head, for hair. Add a few **curved lines** for hair strands.

6 LOOK at the final drawing! Erase extra sketch lines. Darken the final lines. Add color!

Good Job!

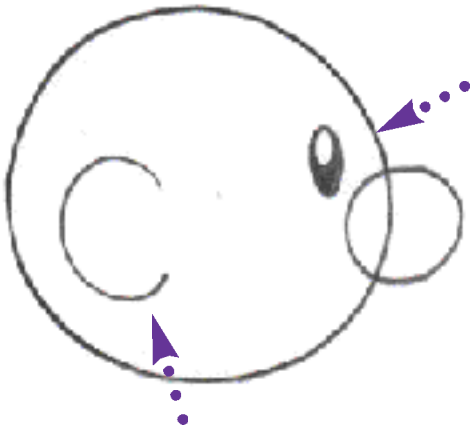


Heads (Side View)



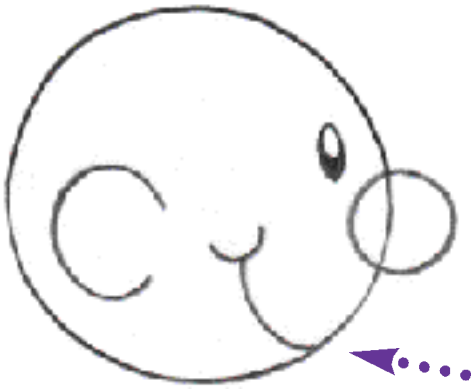
People come in all shapes and sizes, so let's draw a chubby face this time.

1 Sketch a **circle** for the head. Sketch a small **circle** for the nose.



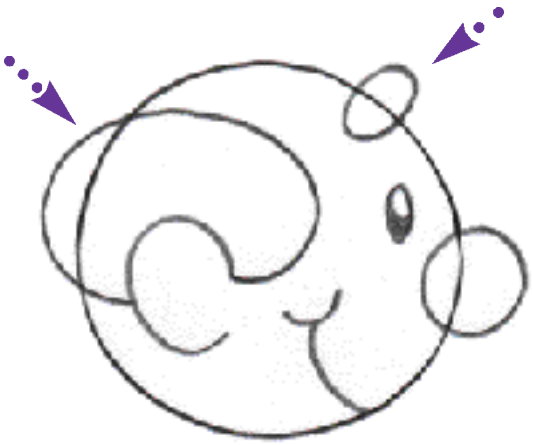
2 Draw an **oval**, with a smaller **oval** inside, for the eye. Darken around the smaller oval.

Draw a partial **oval** for the ear.



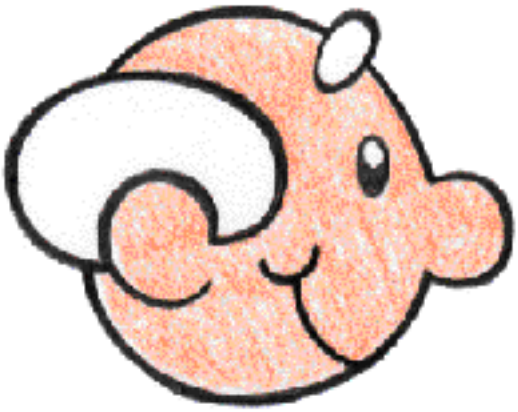
3 Draw two **curved lines** for the smiling mouth.

4 Draw an **egg** shape around his ear for hair. Add a tilted **oval** for an eyebrow.



5 LOOK at the final drawing! Erase extra sketch lines. Darken the final lines. Color your Grandpop.

WOW! You drew a great Grandpop's face!



Hair

Hair can make a huge difference in a cartoon character's appearance.

Look at these samples of different hair styles drawn on the same face. Can you see how the hair changes the entire character?

Let's create some hair styles...

Curly Hair

1 Draw a basic happy face (page 7).

2 Draw **curved lines** for curly hair.

3 Add more **curved lines**.

4 Add more **curved lines** around the head, connecting to the ears.

5 Add more **curved lines**.

6 Erase extra sketch lines. Darken the final lines. Add color!

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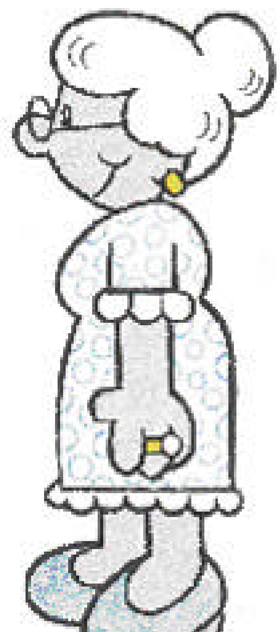

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